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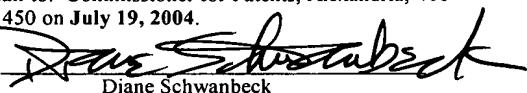
In re the application of)
Toshihiro SHIMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2121
Application No. 10/789,416) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: February 26, 2004) Attorney Docket No. MIPFP080
For: DEVICE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

The **Amendments to the Claims** made herein are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.